

Student travel survey key findings, March 2006

A1 How do you usually travel between home and Uni?

a) Start / end of year

Car	44%
Aeroplane	37%
Train	10%
Bus / coach	5%
Boat / ferry	2%
Other	1%
N/A (Live in St Andrews)	1%

Valid responses: 1,584

b) During the year

Aeroplane	34%
Train	33%
Bus / coach	16%
Car	14%
Taxi	1%
Other	2%

Valid responses: 1,475

A2 My home address is outside the UK

Yes	35%
No	66%

- UK postcode analysis still to do -

A3 Term time postcodes

A4 Main teaching buildings

A5 On average, how often do you (or intend to) travel home during semesters?

Once or twice a semester	56%
Rarely or never	36%
Most weekends	5%
Most days (commuting)	3%

Valid responses: 1,565

A6 How do you usually travel to/from lectures?

Walk	86%
Bicycle	8%
Car (alone 3%, share 1%)	4%
Bus	2%
Taxi	1%

Valid responses: 1,570

A7 Is your term-time address a University residence?

Yes	71%
No	29%

Valid responses: 1,570

- Name of residence available for any cross-analysis -

A8 Do you have a car at University / commute to Uni?

Yes	16%
No	84%

Valid responses: 1,557

B1 Why did you decided to bring a car to Uni?

	Number of responses
Essential to get between home & Uni	129
Convenience of getting around at Uni	60
Other	59
Don't like using public transport	42
Don't like / have difficulties walking	8

Main reasons stated for 'other':

1. Travel or activities outwith St Andrews (30)
2. Convenience / speed to get home (8)
3. Own a car and therefore want to use it (6)
4. Useful for moving equipment / belongings (5)

B2 What do you use your car for during term-time

	Number of responses
Rarely use car during term time	41
Shopping / leisure trips	152
Trips home	103
Travel to/from lectures	48
Other	25

Purposes stated under 'other':

1. For work purposes, eg fieldwork, or a job (16)
2. Society use / travel with sports teams (6)

B3 On average, how many times per week / month do you make the following journeys by car?

Further work to do in making sense of this data. NB Compare with previous Arne Hole survey data

B4 Where do you usually park your car overnight?

Residential street	45%
Residence car park	42%
Other car park	13%

Valid responses: 212

- Name of car park / street available for further analysis -

B5 Which of the following changes would most encourage you to leave your car at home?

49% of respondents who said they had a car at Uni (QA8) said no measures would encourage them to leave their car at home.

	Number of responses
1. A direct connection between Leuchars station and St Andrews	78
2. Improved train service to/from St Andrews	74
3. Improved bus services to/from/around St Andrews	57
4. A free shuttle bus between University sites	44
5. Improved facilities for cyclists	21

Options with less than 20 responses were:

- Parking charges at Uni car parks
- Additional parking charges on public roads
- Staff only Uni car parks
- Other

C1 Which of the following changes would most encourage you to use a bicycle at Uni?

32% of respondents said that no changes would encourage them to use a bicycle at Uni.

Respondents were invited to give reasons for this view. The main reasons given have been grouped as follows:

	Number of responses
<i>Happy to walk</i>	<i>174</i>
<i>Don't like cycling</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Safety concerns</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Don't own a bicycle</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Can't ride a bicycle</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Happy with cycling facilities</i>	<i>18</i>

	Number of responses
1. Improved / more cycle paths	649
2. Opportunity to buy a bicycle at discount	569
3. Improved covered cycle racks at main teaching building	511
4. Improved covered cycle racks at Residence	367
5. Improved security eg lighting around buildings	315
6. Other	60

The main changes noted in 'other' were:

- Secure overnight / vacation bicycle storage (12 responses)
- Option to rent a bike (8)
- Cycle loan scheme (7)
- Information on cycle rules / proficiency training (7)

D1 Do you regularly use a bus service in St Andrews?

Yes	12%
No	88%

Valid responses: 1,551

Bus services used at least once a week:

99	26%
92	23%
96	16%
X24	7%
X60	6%
94	6%
95	5%
X26	4%
Other	7%

Valid responses: 254

D2 Which of the following changes would most encourage you to use the bus for journeys in and around St Andrews?

33% of respondents said that no changes would encourage them to use the bus.

Respondents were invited to give reasons for this view. The main reasons given have been grouped as follows:

	<i>Number of responses</i>
<i>Distance too little to need bus</i>	<i>256</i>
<i>Cost</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Don't like buses</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Happy with bus service</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Keen to use car</i>	<i>10</i>

	Number of responses
1. Further discounted tickets / passes	700
2. More frequent bus services	440
3. More timetable and route information	440
4. More direct bus routes	377
5. More reliable services	176
6. Other	48

The main changes noted in 'other' were:

- Evening / night bus services (particularly for the 92 and 99 routes) – (18 responses)
- Increased Sunday service (5)
- University shuttle bus (5)

E1 What year are you in at University?

First year	38%
Second year	20%
Third year	21%
Forth year	10%
Fifth year	2%
JSA semester scheme	3%
Foundation year	1%
Postgraduate	5%

Valid responses: 1,573

E2 What category of student are you?

Full-time undergrad	88%
Full-time postgrad	10%
Part-time undergrad	2%

Valid responses: 1,560

E3 Gender

Female	61%
Male	39%

Valid responses: 1,553

- Further comments: 259 comments left. Need to check through them and sort into categories of response / key quotes. -